

TOWN OF MANY

Regular Council Meeting December 20, 2022

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order by Mayor Robert Hable at 5:07 p.m.
2. Prayer by Councilwoman Jackson
3. Pledge by Mayor Hable
4. Roll Call-PRESENT: Councilwomen: M. Brocato, B. Jackson, M. Perry. ABSENT: Councilwomen C. Williams and A. Darwin. Also Present: Clerk A. Brown, Deputy Clerk L. King, Water Supervisor J. Cauthen, Grant Writer S. Williams, Street Supervisor C. Jordan, Chief Wooley, Corwin Washington, Consultant; Counsel Chris Sylvia.
5. Approve Minutes: 11-15-22 – Regular Session; motion by Brocato, second by Jackson; motion passes.
6. Amend Agenda: Item #3 needs to be Resolution #23 of 2022 not #20 of 2022. Motion by Jackson, second by Perry. Motion passes.
7. Open for Public Comment relating to any item on agenda which requires council vote. NONE
8. Guests: Zachary Faircloth, Cedric Floyd

Old Business

1. Cedric Floyd with Data Center LLC addressed the Council regarding redistricting services. Motion to move forward with this company for redistricting by Brocato; second by Jackson; motion passes.

New Business

1. Introduce Ordinance #15 of 2022 – To Approve the Procedure to Sell Adjudicated Property with or without minimum bid; Motion for Minimum bid by Brocato; second by Jackson; motion passes.
2. Introduce Ordinance #16 of 2022 – Amend Utilities Code, Chapter 38, Article 5. Rates and Charges – Equipment Fee Schedule and Water Meter Rates are as follows: Meter box is \$35; Meter Box lid is \$25; Antenna \$175. When damaged antenna, the water will not be turned on until broken/damaged antenna is paid for. Motion by Perry, second by Jackson; motion passes.
3. Resolution #23 of 2022 – The Town of Many and Many Police Department to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Sabine Parish School Board to provide a POST-Certified School Resource Officer at public schools in Sabine Parish within the jurisdiction of the Town of Many for the term of 1/1/23-12/31/23; Motion by Brocato; second by Perry. Motion passes.
4. Approval to open a Checking Account at Community Bank for Shop with a Cop program. Motion by Brocato, second by Perry; motion passes.
5. Vote to Renew Building/Welcome Sign/Equipment Insurance for period 10/24/22-10/24/2023 – Scottsdale Insurance Company through Phares Lites & Walsworth - \$23,238.95; motion by Jackson, second by Perry; motion passes.
6. Renew Employee Medical, Dental & Vision Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana for 2023; motion by Perry, second by Jackson; motion passes.
7. Issue Permit for MLK March – Monday, January 16th at 10:30 A.M. – Delta Car Wash to Kings Chapel Church; motion by Brocato; second by Perry. Motion passes.
8. Reports:
 - a. Budget for October and November
 - b. Payables
 - c. Bank Statements
 - d. Overtime Report
 - e. Verification of Taxes Paid
 - f. Verification of Insurance Paid All reports accepted as presented with motion by Jackson; second by Perry; motion passes.
9. Chief's Report
 - a. Chief's Recommendation to hire Gilbert Raynes as a full-time SRO Officer at \$18.00/per hour with a starting date being as soon as all paperwork is cleared by HR; motion by Brocato; second by Perry. Motion passes.
 - b. Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Motion by Perry to enter Executive Session; second by Jackson; motion passes.
10. Sales Tax Report: Increase of 11.77% over November 2021-Mayor reported the commission approved a collection fee rate increase from 1% to 2% effective 1-1-2023.
11. Tourism Report by Jackson.
12. Cultural, Events & Beautification Committee Report by A. Brown; Christmas parade and Stewart concert were both well-attended; next event is the Mardi Gras parade on January 28. Brocato asked if we could recognize the MHS football team; relayed we are planning a separate event for that. Brocato stated she heard great feedback about the concert.
13. Fire Board Report: Mayor Hable reported property insurance rates are going from a 6 to a 5, resulting in lower home owner insurance rates.
14. Airport Report: None
15. Zoning: None
16. Grants: S. Williams reported Grand Opening for Depot Museum will be Feb 11 from 1-4 pm. Brown Security is sending a proposal to upgrade the system and adding another key pad for rental room. Written grant report provided.
17. Street: Ditches are being dug out; skid steer is supposed to arrive this week.
18. Animal Control: 4 dogs and 6 cats taken to shelter; animal shelter has a new parking lot that looks really good.

19. Water: Water Supervisor Jeremy Cauthen reported they have been checking on “no customer accounts”. Robert asked about freezing temps on the way and Cauthen said to leave water running with a slight stream, insulate pipes. The department has been winterizing and have heaters on at the well sites. Alderwoman Brocato asked for the lift station at animal shelter to be cleaned. Corwin gave his report about water plant and backflow campaign.
20. Sewer: Corwin said there was a major sewer leak on 171 and DEQ is aware. Mentioned KLB grant for next year. He also met with customer on Trace Street with erosion problem.
21. Remarks from Council Members: Perry-speed bumps on Sabine High Street but they won't sign; Jackson-building on Trace needs to go; Brocato-asked about liens on tax notices for delinquent clean up letters.

Adjourn at 6:44 pm with motion by Brocato, second by Jackson; Motion passes.

Robert H. Hable, Jr., Mayor

Amie Brown, Clerk